

District II Advisory Board Minutes

June 2, 2003

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The District II Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Rockwell Branch Library at 5939 E. 9th Street North.

Members Present

Martha Bruce Fair
John Fuller
Marla Flentje
Larry Frutiger
Tim Goodpasture
Joe Johnson
Mike Jones
Max Weddle

Members Absent

Michele Chauncey
Shirley Jefferson
Kathy Wegner

Staff Present

D. Kay Johnson, Environmental Health
Scott Logan, Traffic Engineer
Donte Martin, City Manager's Office
Dale Miller, MAPD

Guests

Dan Daubert
Terry Smythe

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

The minutes for May 5, 2003 were approved 7-0 as amended to reflect Tim Goodpasture being present (Frutiger/Jones).

The agenda for the June 2, 2003 DAB II meeting was approved as submitted (Jones/Frutiger).

Public Agenda

1. Scheduled items

No items submitted

2. Off-agenda items

No items submitted

PUBLIC WORKS AGENDA

3. North Rock Road Traffic Issues

Scott Logan, Traffic Engineer, Staff received a request from David Babich, a Willowbend Homeowners Association member, to evaluate traffic conditions along North Rock between 37th Street and Champion Street next to the Willowbend subdivision. He reported that several single vehicle accidents have recently occurred along this North Rock Road section involving drivers who careened over the curb into trees, electrical boxes, and other obstacles causing some damage. Mr. Babich also suggests that additional street lighting or curb painting should be considered along this section to alleviate this random accident experience.

Staff evaluated traffic conditions and accident experience along this section of North Rock Road. Staff's evaluation shows that these accidents primarily involved drivers under the influence of alcohol according to Police Department reports and the contributory factors in these accidents were driver related. Subsequently, Police Patrol East was notified to provide surveillance when possible to reduce future problems.

Staff believes that designating a lowered 35 mph is prudent since this section of North Rock Road does not have the characteristics of an urban arterial and is designed with reduced design tolerances. Designating this lowered speed limit along this corridor is also appropriate due to the location of fixed utility obstacles (i.e. fire hydrants, electrical junction boxes, etc.) as well as the entryway sign features that are within 5' of the street. Lastly, this street is adjacent to a residential area where lowered speed limits are typically designated. It should be noted that none of these above non-typical street conditions considered separately would warrant this lowered speed limit, however, due to the combination of these factors, a 35 mph is recommended.

The other alternatives for mitigating the accidents include installing additional streetlights and/or chevron/warning signs along this corridor. Street lighting is an option, however, it does appear that the street is adequately lighted with the existing streetlights and floodlights used to illuminate the subdivision entry signage. Though the additional street lighting would better delineate the street alignment, placing additional fixed street light poles at a cost of \$20,000 next to the street (where they may be often hit) may not be prudent. A more prudent alternative for delineation the street would be to place "curve" signage to designate the curvilinear street alignment at a cost of \$200. The other, most costly option is to straighten the North Rock Road alignment at a cost of \$300,000.

DAB II members asked the following questions that were answered by Scott Logan:

Larry Frutiger asked if HOA has been contacted concerning the proposed change in speed limit. **Logan** stated the HOA supports the change.

Martha Bruce Fair asked if lowering the speed limit to 30 mph would provide more relief. **Logan** replied that lowering the speed limit to 30mph might have a negative impact on the overall traffic flow as cars would group and then accelerate to higher speeds in an effort to make up for lost time.

Joe Johnson suggested lowering to speed limit to 30 mph near the curve and to 35mph near the entrance/exits points to Willowbend. **Logan** stated the idea is worth considering and may provide adequate relief.

Joe Johnson (Jones) moved the speed limit be lowered to 35mph near the entrance/exits points of Willowbend and the speed limit along the curve be lowered to 30mph. The motion passed 7-0.

Action Taken: DAB II recommended lowering the speed limit.

PLANNING AGENDA

4. ZON 2003-00023; CUP 2003-23 DP-265

Dale Miller, MAPD, presented a request for a Zone Change from “SF-5” Single-family Residential to “GC” General Commercial generally located north of Harry and west of Greenwich Road. The applicant is requesting to create DP-265 Crystal Creek community Unit Plan, which would be 6.55-acre development with six parcels for commercial use.

The property is located between 1/8 mile and 1/3 mile west of Greenwich. The requested zoning is “LC” Limited Commercial. Uses proposed to excluded are adult entertainment, bars and taverns, group homes, group residences and correctional placement residences.

MAPD recommends approval subject to platting within one year and subject to conditions contained in the MAPD staff report.

Terry Smythe, agent for the applicant, stated that the applicant agrees with conditions placed upon the CUP and supports the staff recommendation.

Joe Johnson asked how many driveways would be present and stated it’s currently difficult to access Harry Street for Smithmoor. **Miller** responded that the CUP included three driveways and there is a plan for cross-lot circulation.

Max Weddle asked how this CUP would impact existing traffic levels on Harry. **Smythe** replied that decel lanes and a two-way left turn lane would be installed when Harry is widened. The developer will provide guarantees at the time of the plat.

Joe Johnson asked how large was the notification area. **Smythe** replied residents within 1000 feet were notified.

Citizens in attendance were given the opportunity to express their concerns. No one requested to speak.

Mike Jones (Frutiger) moved to approve the request as submitted. The motion passed (7-0).

Action Taken: The DAB members voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the proposed CUP and zone change.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

5. Special Events Policy

Donte Martin, CMO, presented information regarding approved sites throughout the city in which special events including high noise volume could be held to reduce disturbance to residential areas. Board members asked what criteria was used to select the proposed locations and whether events could be held at other locations provided loud/live music would not be a part of the event.

Staff explained that the recommended sites were selected due to being separate from residential areas or having an environment in which noise can be controlled from residential areas. This policy would only apply to events with anticipated high noise volumes.

Joe Johnson (Frutiger) moved the policy be approved as submitted. The motion passed (7-0)

Action: Recommended support of the proposed special events policy as submitted.

6. Water Well Code Amendments

D. Kay Johnson, Environmental Health, presented a proposal for amending the city code for water wells. The proposed amendments would require the permitting of water wells prior to installation to ensure added protection for the public from groundwater contamination or improper construction sites and in isolated areas where groundwater contamination exists but would not otherwise be apparent. In addition staff will develop administrative procedures to expedite the permitting process so that the issuance of a permit prior to construction will not be an obstacle to business activity.

DAB II members asked questions concerning the fee schedule for permits and the inspection procedures of new wells versus existing wells.

D. Kay Johnson responded that the fee structure varies depending on the type of permit and the timeliness of the application for permit. Johnson also explained that the inspection of an existing well will take four weeks due to water sampling and that a newly constructed well does not require sampling.

Marla Flentje (Bruce Fair) moved the policy be approved as submitted. The motion passed (7-0)

Action: Recommended support of the proposed amendments to the City Code for permitting construction of water wells.

BOARD AGENDA

6. Updates, Issues, and Reports

No items were discussed.

The next regularly scheduled DAB II meeting will be July 7, 2003 at the Rockwell Branch Library.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.